IN THE CLAIMS:

1-11. **(Canceled)**

12. **(Currently Amended)** An assembly for mounting and sealing a saddle on a pipe, the assembly comprising:

a saddle hub, the saddle hub including lateral attachment means disposed on each side of the saddle hub, the saddle hub defining an opening having an axis that is aligned with a radial axis of ~~axis~~ the pipe, the saddle hub including a first gasket, a sleeve mounted on the first gasket and a second gasket mounted on the sleeve and in contact with the attachment means;

a saddle hub mounting device, the saddle hub mounting device including tightening means for tightening the saddle hub, the tightening means being configured to cooperate with the lateral attachment means and including an open and deformable bracelet, the bracelet including a flat and flexible band that is configured to be installed on the saddle hub by rotation, the flat and flexible band defining a plurality of spaced openings to enable the saddle hub to fit pipes of various outer diameters by attachment to the lateral attachment means of the saddle hub through selected openings in the bracelet, the saddle hub and the bracelet forming a ring, the lateral attachment means being configured to enable the saddle hub to fit pipes of different outer diameters by attaching and tightening to the tightening means.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The assembly of claim 12, wherein the saddle hub is a bypass saddle hub.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The assembly of claim 12, wherein the saddle hub forms part of a closing tap.

15. **(Canceled)**

16. **(Previously Presented)** The assembly of claim 12, wherein the attachment means includes a thread tapping.

17. **(Previously Presented)** The assembly of claim 12, wherein the first and second gaskets and the sleeve define an internal diameter that is larger than the bypass opening of the pipe.

18. **(Previously Presented)** The assembly of claim 12, further comprising a seal disposed between the ring and the pipe, the seal including a lipped gasket that defines a concave lower surface defining a radius of curvature that is at least equal to a curvature of the pipe, the lipped gasket including a peripheral portion that includes an edge delimiting two surfaces, an upper surface of the lipped gasket defining a convex appearance.

19. **(Previously Presented)** Assembly according to claim 18, wherein the peripheral and upper surfaces of the lipped gasket are disposed in a space defined under a sole of the saddle hub, the lipped gasket defining a hollow portion including an upper face facing away from the pipe and a lower face facing toward the pipe, the upper and lower faces having different slopes.

20. **(Previously Presented)** Assembly according to claim 19, wherein the lipped gasket is configured such that a pressure of fluid crossing the hollow portion of the lipped gasket is separated into a first fluid pressure component directed toward the upper face and a second

fluid pressure component directed toward the lower face, the lipped gasket being configured to seal with pipes of various diameters by varying an intensity and place of the fluid pressure and a compression of the gasket on the pipe.

21. **(Previously Presented)** Assembly according to claim 20, wherein the saddle hub is configured to contact the pipe upon compression of the gasket.

22. **(Previously Presented)** Assembly according to claim 12, wherein the band is configured to be dimensioned according to an outer diameter of the pipe onto which the saddle is to be fitted.

23. **(Previously Presented)** Assembly according to claim 12, wherein an end of the bracelet is clamped down on a cylindrical nut by a screw inserted through an opening defined in the bracelet.

24. **(Previously Presented)** Assembly according to claim 23, wherein a head of the screw is configured to press the end of the bracelet toward the lateral attachment means of the saddle hub.

25. **(Previously Presented)** Assembly according to claim 23, wherein at least one of the lateral attachment means defines two fingers arranged in a shape of a fork.

26. **(Previously Presented)** Assembly according to claim 12, wherein one of the lateral attachment means is shaped as a T and wherein one end of the bracelet is mounted by rotation on the saddle hub by a nut and screw around the T-shaped lateral attachment means and wherein another end of the bracelet is attached to the other one of the lateral attachment means.

27. **(Previously Presented)** Assembly of claim 12, wherein the openings are defined from end to end of the bracelet at regular intervals.

28. **(Previously Presented)** Assembly of claim 25, further comprising a washer configured to cooperate with the screw, a first surface of the washer being flat and a second surface of the washer being convex, the washer being mounted on the screw such that the first flat surface is in contact with a head of the screw and such the convex second surface is arranged in a hollow defined between the two fingers of the fork.

29. **(Previously Presented)** Assembly of claim 12, wherein the saddle hub includes bronze and wherein the band is formed of a non-corrodible material coated with an inert material.

30. **(Previously Presented)** Assembly of claim 29, wherein the inert material includes an epoxy-based powder composition.

31-35. **(Canceled)**